

Confidentiality of Substance Abuse Client Records

Resident Name _____

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse client records is maintained by the program and is protected by federal law and regulations. Generally, the organization may not disclose information identifying any individual as a client or as a drug or alcohol abuser unless:

1. The client consents in writing.
2. The disclosure is required by a court order and subpoena.
3. The disclosure is made in the case of a medical emergency to qualified medical personnel.
4. The disclosure is made to qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation purposes.
5. The client commits a crime on program premises.
6. Child abuse/neglect.

Violation of the federal law and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance to federal regulations.

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information related to suspected child abuse / neglect from being reported to the appropriate state or local authorities. Under Massachusetts' law, addiction during pregnancy is not sufficient for report for child abuse / neglect.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a client either at the program, against any person who works for the program, or about any threat to commit such a crime.

I have read and understand the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse client records.

Resident Signature _____ Date _____

Witness Signature _____ Date _____

